Rate tenders that are ambiguous in meaning shall be resolved in favor of the Government; therefore, explicit terms and conditions are necessary to preclude misunderstandings by the parties to the rate tender.

(b) Carriers may purchase Optional Form 280 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, or print it commercially. When ordering this form from the Superintendent of Documents, specify national stock number 7540-01-092-8057. When printing this form commercially, carriers shall ensure that the form conforms to the same size, wording, and arrangement of the approved optional form and, while no minimum grade or paper is set, carriers shall provide a reasonable grade of paper stock.

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## § 101-40.306-2 Required shipping documents and annotations.

- (a) To qualify for transportation under section 10721 rates, property must be shipped by or for the Government on:
  - (1) Government bills of lading;
- (2) Commercial bills of lading endorsed to show that these bills of lading are to be converted to Government bills of lading after delivery to the consignee; or
- (3) Commercial bills of lading showing that the Government is either the consignor or the consignee and endorsed with the following statement:

Transportation hereunder is for the (name the specific agency, such as the General Services Administration) and the actual total transportation charges paid to the carrier(s) by the consignor or consignee are assignable to, and are to be reimbursed by, the Government.

(b) When a rate tender is used for transportation furnished under a cost-reimbursable contract, the following endorsement shall be used on covering commercial bills of lading:

Transportation hereunder is for the (name the specific agency, such as the General Services Administration), and the actual total transportation charges paid to the carrier(s) by the consignor or consignee are to be reimbursed by the Government, pursuant to cost reimbursable contract number (\_\_).

This may be confirmed by contacting the agency representative at (name and telephone number). (See  $332\ ICC\ 161$ .)

(c) To ensure proper application of a Government rate tender on all shipments qualifying for their use, the issuing officer shall show on the bills of lading covering these shipments the applicable rate tender number and carrier identification, such as, "ABC Transportation Company, Tender ICC No. 374." In addition, if commercial bills of lading are used, they shall be endorsed as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, as necessary.

#### § 101-40.306-3 Distribution.

Each agency receiving rate tenders shall promptly submit one signed copy to the National Capital Region (NCR) office listed in §101-40.101-1(a) and two copies (including at least one signed copy) to the General Services Administration, Office of Transportation Audits (FW), Washington, DC 20405.

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# § 101-40.306-4 Bill of lading endorsements.

To ensure application of Government rate tenders to all shipments qualifying for their use, bills of lading covering the shipments shall be endorsed with the applicable tender or quotation number and carrier identification; e.g., 'Section 10721 quotation, ABC Transportation Company, Tender I.C.C. No. In addition, where commercial bills of lading are used rather than Government bills of lading, the commercial bills of lading shall be endorsed in conformance with the provisions set forth in §101-40.306-2(a). (For specific regulations covering transportation generated under cost-reimbursement type contracts, see 48 CFR 47.104-

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#### Subpart 101–40.4—Temporary Nonuse, Debarment, and Suspension of Carriers

### § 101-40.400 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes:

(a) Policies and procedures governing the temporary nonuse, debarment, and suspension of commercial carriers